

#### **E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 4/10/17 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM**

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker, Mr. Yokely. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. Attorney Powers was unable to attend the meeting. The minutes of the March 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. The March 2017 department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker.

**AGENDA: DOROTHY KANE-NO MORE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN.** Ms. Kane stated she has been working in Columbiana County since 2001 with many different campaigns against domestic violence. This “No More Domestic Violence Campaign” became national in 2013; its goal is to open up conversation about domestic violence. She stated there is direct correlation between domestic violence, child abuse and elder abuse, so in minimizing domestic violence there would also be an impact on child and elder abuse. She stated Job and Family Services has funded an awareness project that allows her to pass out static cling “O’s” ( which is the O from NO More Domestic Violence) to be placed in car, house and business windows. The goal is for people to see these static clings and ask what is going on which in turn will open up conversation about domestic violence. At this point Mr. Elzer presented welcome certificates to four new businesses; Clip-n-Claws, Tri County Mattress by Appointment, Studio 25 and Free Spirit Wellness Studio.

#### **CLERK: NO REPORT**

#### **MAYOR: NO REPORT**

**MANAGER:** Manager Monteleone reminded everyone the Spring Clean up is this Monday April 17. He said the County chip and seal program is slated to begin July 7<sup>th</sup>. He said he has begun working on a potential grant for the shelters at the Park with OMEGA. The shelters are in very bad condition and this ODNR grant could possibly help with the repairs. He stated we will put the paving out to bid on Thursday April 13, and ODOT is to begin paving of Market and Taggart on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. Finally he stated he was notified from the County that the CDBG money will now be on an every two year cycle.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR: ABSENT**

**STREET:** Mr. Walker stated that between the mill and the liquor store on Taggart that there is a drainage issue that he would like to see addressed. Monteleone stated he would go out with the Street Superintendent and look at it. Mr. Todd asked if the durapatcher would be in use soon and Monteleone said yes.

**SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM:** Mr. Cohen stated that clean up is under way at the park. Monteleone stated that we may not get any county workers this summer as the program itself is changing and things are still up in the air. If we don’t get them that equates to losing 9 or 10 40 hour per week employees (that are free to us).

#### **DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT**

**UTILTIY :** Mr. Todd stated asked about the antenna tower, he stated NECO was going to put an antenna on the tower for the new water meter reading software but stated that the antenna was in too bad of shape to climb. Monteleone said that the repair of the tower was already in process before NECO looked at it. He stated the Police Chief notified him five months ago that the tower needed repairs and they have been working on it. In reference to the water project Mr. Todd felt council should discuss raising the rates. Mr. Cohen stated they had previously discussed raising the rate in increments of \$2.50 to which Finance Director Traci Thompson stated that was for the WasteWater project, the initial increase for the was project that was discussed was \$2.00. Monteleone stated he felt that we should increase the sewer rate along with the water rate to prepare for future debt service. Mr. Cohen made a motion to authorize the law director to draw

legislation for a \$2.00 rate increase for water and that it is prepared for the next meeting, the motion was seconded by Mr. Walker.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Tyger had no report but he thanked the Manager, Finance Director and the Utility Committee for all of the work they have done and the upcoming water and waste water projects.

**VISITORS:** John & Dot Herbert, Keith McCoy, Ross McCoy, John Martin, Nikki Leake, Amy Purcel, John Simon, Chief Josh Brown, Rick & Karen Gorby, Terry Keresty, Andi & Chrissy Preistley, Tim Griffith, Willard Leake, Christopher Barnhouse, Josh Sorrell, Barb Greaves, Rev. Mark McTrusty, David Lee, Sarah Yokley, Katie Kimmell, Brian Rutledge, John Davis, Richard McElroy, Larry & Terry Ward, John McElroy, Officer Don Johnson, Katie White.

**COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION:** In reference to the legislation for MS Consultants for the water and waste water project Mr. Elzer stated we just approved new water meters to the tune of \$700,000.00 and the water well project is around \$800,000.00, when the projects are completed we will have state of the art meters and state of the art wells and controls but we lose half of the water we produce. He said we are not addressing the big problems and wasting six million dollars. Mr. Walker responded by saying we have to start somewhere. Monteleone stated that the leak detection has started in reference to lost water. In reference to waste water Mr. Elzer said we are treating four times more water than we bill for, with the current legislation we will spend between five and six million dollars and none of it is fixing the problem. If these two ordinances pass we will end up raising rates between \$10 and \$14 per meter per month and put ourselves in debt for 20 years but not solve the problem. Mr. Cohen state the estimates received for fixing the system were between seventy and eighty million dollars and we don't have it, he said the we are trying address the overflow problem per the EPA and the tank does that. Mr. Todd stated these issues have been addressed in the past however the fixes were not successful, the plan is to address the sso's with the tank and then work on addressing the problems in the system after. There was additional discussion as to where and how the money should be spent as opposed to the tank itself.

**LEGISLATION:** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 6-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Kovatch Mobile Equipment for the purchase of a new water tanker truck, in accordance with the specifications attached without competitive bidding and to enter into the necessary financing agreements , to finance said purchase price over a term of two years, at the best interest rate available.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 6-2017. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-N, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker, Mr. Yokely-Y. 5 to 1 to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 7-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Middletown Ford Fleet, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, for the purchase of a dump body to be used by the Street Department.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 7-2017. Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-Y, Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 8-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village manager to enter into a contract with Middletown ford Fleet as set forth in the attached exhibit A for the purchase of a 2017 Ford F-350 truck with accessories to be used by the Street department.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 8-2017. Mr. Todd-Y, Mr. Tyger-Y, Mr. Walker-Y, Mr. Yokely-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-Y. 6 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 9-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into a contract with MS Consultants Inc Youngstown Ohio for the design and building of all components of the East Palestine Water Improvement Project in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 153.01 ET SEQ.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 9-2017. Mr. Tyger-Y, Mr. Walker-Y, Mr. Yokley-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-N, Mr. Todd-Y. 5 to 1 to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 10-2017 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into a contract with MS Consultants Inc of Youngstown, Ohio for the design and building of all components of the East Palestine Waste Water Sewer and Collection**

**Improvement Project in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 153.01 et seq.** Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 10-2017. Mr. Walker-Y, Mr. Yokley-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Elzer-N, Mr. Todd-Y, Mr. Tyger-Y. 5 to 1 to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 11-2017 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance amending section 1240.06 (44) of the codified ordinances of the Municipality of East Palestine, Ohio by interlineation and renumbering current subsections of said ordinance.** At this point Mr. Cohen made a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22 to discuss compensation of village employees and appointment of member to Park Board with no further business conducted afterwards, the motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. At approximately 8:10 pm council came out of executive session at which time Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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